

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. _____ DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Amos C. Brown, III. Porter, Bartlett, Brown C, Harris D, Pryor, Shackleford, Smith V, Summers ______, read first time and referred to Committee on



2016

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Amos C. Brown, III.

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III died at his family home in Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, November 6, 2015;

Whereas, Born in Chicago on December 18, 1950, Amos C. Brown, III was a longtime radio broadcaster and activist who specialized in reports advocating for minority communities and public education;

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III graduated from Northwestern University in 1972 and moved to Indianapolis in 1975 to join WTLC-FM as an advertising sales representative;

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III advanced to assistant station manager and, in 1981, to station manager;

Whereas, In 1994 Amos C. Brown, III became director of strategic research for station owner Hoosier Radio and TV;

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III began his on-air career in 1976; and, in 1992, created "The Noon Show", Indianapolis' first black-oriented radio talk show, and from 1997 to 2005 hosted "The Amos Brown Show", Indianapolis's only daytime TV talk show:

Whereas, One of Indianapolis's most visible media personalities and a member of Indiana's Broadcasting Hall of Fame, Amos C. Brown, III was the Director of Strategic

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Research for Radio One's Indianapolis stations;

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III also hosted "Afternoons with Amos", which debuted in 2004 and aired weekdays on WTLC-FM and was Indianapolis's third most listened to talk show and was among the most popular black-oriented talk shows nationally;

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III and "Afternoons with Amos" were nominated four times for the Indiana Broadcasters Association Spectrum Awards for Excellence, winning twice;

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III was a two-time finalist for a Marconi Award from the National Association of Broadcasters, the highest award in the radio industry for stations and personalities;

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III's career included creating many public service initiatives, including efforts on behalf of Indiana Black Expo, Circle City Classic, and United Way, and fostering voter education by encouraging voter registration and getting out the vote;

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III served the broadcasting industry as president of Indianapolis Radio Broadcasters, a position he held two times, and as a member of the National Association of Broadcasters Committee of Local Radio Audience Measurement:

Whereas, Active in Indianapolis civic affairs, Amos C. Brown, III was a Board Member of the Indianapolis Urban League, Indianapolis United Way, Community Action Against Poverty, the Indiana Black Expo, and a member of the Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Series, Class III;

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III also served as a division co-chair for the 1987 Pan Am Games and worked on, and with, numerous civic committees and efforts;

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III was also a columnist at large for 19 years for the Indianapolis Recorder newspaper and his "Just Tellin' It" column dealt with a wide range of topics affecting the African-American community;

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Whereas, An expert on the demographics of Indianapolis, Amos C. Brown, III was responsible for massive radio campaigns encouraging cooperation with the 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010 censuses;

Whereas, Amos C. Brown, III was a member of the National Census Advisory Committee on African-American populations and served as co-chair of the Indianapolis 2010 Census Complete Count Committee; and

Whereas, For more than 40 years Amos C. Brown, III dedicated his life to echoing the voice of the Indianapolis community and bettering the lives of his listeners: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses its deepest condolences to the family of Amos C. Brown, III and to express its gratitude for his years of dedicated service to the Indianapolis community and Indiana.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Amos C. Brown, III.

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